



**WOOTTON GOLF SOCIETY**

**Annual General Meeting held on 17 October 2014 at**

**The Bedford Golf Club @ 8 pm**

**In Attendance:**

Peter Bone	Chairman
Gerald Bygraves	Treasurer
Andy Barlow	Assistant Treasurer
Mick Payne	Committee

Andy Jones	Lawrence Barlow
Martin Young	Paul Young
Steve White	Dennis Foley
Liam Cummins	Sam Legg
Rob Capener	Ross Capel

**Apologies:**

Robert McGall	Mathew McGall
Duncan Sledge	Martyn Pollard
Lee Miles	

**1. Minutes from 2013 AGM**

These were read and approved. Proposed by Andy Barlow and seconded by Ross Capel

**2. Committee Members and Membership**

The current committee members all retired with thanks effective from 31st

December 2014 and the nominations for the new committee were called for.

The following proposals were made for a new committee and accepted by all

to take their post on 1st January 2015.

**Peter Bone – Chairman, Handicap and Events Secretary;** proposed by Martin Young and Andy Jones

**Gerald Bygraves – Treasurer;** proposed by Martin Young and seconded by Sam Legg

**Andy Barlow – Assistant Treasurer;** proposed by Liam Cummins and seconded by Steve White.

Paul Young – Captain; proposed by Robert McGall (proxy) and seconded by Ross Capel

**Mick Payne – Committee;** proposed by Rob Capener and seconded by Gerald Bygraves

**Rob Capener – Committee;** proposed by Lawrence Barlow and seconded by Andy Barlow.

The new committee was carried unanimously by all.

### **3. Chairman's / Captain's Report.**

The Chairman / Captain covered the following points and expanded on them:

**Websites:** Chairman urged more use of Society Golfing, both for signing up and informing of non-attendance.

Chairman commented on members when playing on Society Days, that they are responsible for their own golf and shots, they also have a score card which clearly shows all local rules as well as any out of bounds. Chairman would not like to see anyone blaming other members for bad shots they have carried out.

**Events:** Please arrive in plenty of time for all events, which then also allows the committee to also get ready once all has been organised.

**WGS Shirts and Tank Tops:** The chairman showed all in attendance the WGS golf shirt and tank top and explained that all members that join will get a WGS Shirt as part of their annual fee on joining, the tank tops could be purchased by anyone that wants them at a cost of £20 per top.

If any member wanted a further WGS Shirt then the Chairman will be able to order them at a cost of about £12 each.

The Chairman's Report was proposed by Andy Jones and seconded by Martin Young: Carried.

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer handed out the Financial Summary to all attending and confirmed that the overall financial balance is quite healthy, standing at £1,045.90. It was explained that the main income expenditure sheets were available to all on the treasurer's page on our website, the password of which is to be changed to be the same as Society Golfing.

Sandy Bottoms is currently at £303.75

Charity fund sits at £223.20

There was still to be some expenditure for the presentation evening at the end of the year as well as annual trophies.

The treasurer confirmed that our bank account was fully opened and functional and that members could pay in directly their subs or any standing orders for annual trips.

It was proposed that the annual subscriptions remain at £20 (Twenty Pounds) for the coming year and is payable by the draw for the knock out competitions, it was stated that no-one will be able to enter any competitions until subs have been paid.

The Treasurer's Report was proposed by Andy Jones and seconded by Sam Legg

#### **5. Assistant Treasurer's Report**

The Assistant Treasurer thanked all members for their assistance in having the correct change at events and asked that it be continued.

Assistant Treasurer also thanked everyone for their generosity throughout the year on the charity fines. It was agreed by all that it was based on fun and generosity by all and will go to a great cause. It was also agreed that it will be continued into the next year.

The Assistant Treasurer's Report was proposed by Steve White and seconded by Rob Capener: Carried

#### **6. Events and Knockouts:**

The Chairman handed out the year planner and discussed in briefly, Chairman also confirmed the knockout competitions would run as normal, reiterated that to enter members need to sign up for all events on Society Golfing.

Proposed by The New Captain Paul Young and seconded by Pete Bone: Carried

#### **7. Presentation Evening 2014.**

The Chairman advised all that the venue and date had been booked for the annual presentation evening: Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at The Bedford Golf Club.

The Chairman proposed that the presentation evening include a disco and buffet for all members and guests at a cost of £10 a head.

The Treasurer advised he would look into booking a disco.

Proposed by Pete Bone and seconded by Gerald Bygraves: Carried

#### **8. Turkey Trot**

The Turkey Trot is booked for the Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December and will be the same format as last year including meat prizes and bottles of wines.

#### **9. Charity:**

The proposed that the Charity for 2014 will be Addenbrook's Children's Ward, it was agreed that we would donate direct to the ward for toys as oppose supplying them money direct. The Chairman asked Andy Barlow and Rob Capener to liaise together and come up with a plan; it is

hoped that both Andy and Rob can present the gifts direct with some press involved which would be good publicity for the society.

Proposed by Rob Capener and seconded by Andy Barlow: carried.

Chairman announced there are no honorary members and no current plans to vote for any.

## **10. Handicap Rules**

Liam Cummins proposed some possible changes to the current handicap system we run, namely getting shots back at the end of the year, namely shots cut for the winning of events and not Congu Cuts. Liam also stated it may be a fair system if there was a shot deduction for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. This was discussed at length by all:-The chairman concluded that each member's handicap is based on their ability and not what they are currently playing to.

The Chairman announced that as part of our Society Rules, any member can request that their handicap be revised at the end of the year by the handicap secretary. The handicap secretary can give a maximum of 2 shots back if the member has not played anywhere near to their ability.

Chairman also announced that there are no plans for increasing any male members handicap to above 28.

Proposed by Peter Bone and seconded by Gerald Bygraves that the handicap system remains as is: carried.

## **11. Prizes at events.**

Paul Young requested that trophies differ from event to event, Chairman explained it was easier for him to order a batch of the same trophies at the time but will look into in greater detail.

Liam Cummins asked if prizes can be vouchers or something similar, again discussed at length. Although some people were in favour of a voucher / monetary prize it was agreed to keep the trophy system as is for the current year; Chairman also advised that once monetary prizes are involved there is a propensity to cause some ill feeling if the same people were to win.

Paul and Martin Young requested that the prize for the sponsored hole was not alcohol as they and some others do not drink. This was discussed and it was agreed that this would be too draconian and that anyone sponsoring a hole can donate what they want; obviously members are aware that some people do not drink, chairman added that some people cannot play golf.

Proposed by Mick Payne and seconded by Steve White that the prizes and system remain as is: carried.

## **12. Fines:**

Andy Barlow spoke about the fines system we have in place and thanked all for their generosity throughout the year; it was agreed that it will remain as is for the current year.

Proposed by Andy Barlow and Seconded by Sam Legg

**13. Fez**

Chairman spoke about the Fez and advised it is a bit of fun and hoped it was taken as the same by all members. Carried by all unanimously.

**AOB.**

The issue of slow play was risen, it was agreed that the all members will make every effort to ensure that slow play is avoided, Chairman also advised that it was up to all members to avoid slow play and to ensure that if their group is playing slow then to make every effort to speed up or advise anyone of their slow play within the group.

There being no other business, the meeting concluded and it closed at 21:50.

Peter Bone

Chairman

17<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

Attachments.

Society Rules

Year Planner

Rules for knockout Competitions.